

**Addendum to  
Maryland Historical Trust  
Maryland Inventory of  
Historic Properties Form**

Inventory No. M: 35-11

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**Name of Property:** Chevy Chase Lake Trolley Station

**Location:** 8000 block of Connecticut Avenue (MD 185), Chevy Chase, Montgomery County

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The demolition and/or move of a building to/from a property is considered part of a property's history and should therefore be documented when such activity occurs. This form documents that the above-described building has been demolished. The exact date of demolition of this building is currently unknown. A single-story, late twentieth-century gas station now stands in its place.

When last documented in April 1978, on a Columbia Historical Society Summary Form, the building that previously stood on this site was described as an empty, boarded-up building, in fair-to-good condition, with alterations. Built in 1892, the building originally served as the Chevy Chase Lake Trolley Station, and was later adaptively reused as a local antique shop, known for years as "Grandma's Antique Shop." The single-story building was sheathed in brick and wood, and sheltered by a pyramidal roof. Roof features included a gabled dormer and a tall brick chimney with cast-iron monogram. The main entrance was highlighted by a corner, inset porch sheltered by a single, large Doric column, detailed with an Ionic capital. A semi-circular bay was also featured on one side of the building, sheltered by a conical roof (Fitzsimons).

No Determination of Eligibility has been located for this resource.

References cited:

Dwyer, Michael F.

1975 Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey: Trolley Station- Chevy Chase Lake. Prepared August 22. On file at the Maryland Historical Trust Library, Crownsville, Maryland.

Fitzsimons, Mayvis

1978 ACHS (Columbia Historical Society) Summary Form: Chevy Chase Lake Passenger Station. Prepared April 3. On file at the Maryland Historical Trust Library, Crownsville, Maryland.

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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Chevy Chase Lake Passenger Station

Name

2. Planning Area/Site Number 35/11 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 21 F-9  
4. Address 8000 block of Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland.

## 5. Classification Summary

Category Structure.  
Ownership Private.  
Public Acquisition N/A (no).  
Status Unoccupied.  
Accessible Yes: restricted.  
Present use Empty. (Boarded up).  
Previous Survey Recording Federal State County Local x  
Public Utilities Commission (July, 1914). Survey filed with Columbia  
Historical Soc., Washington, D. C.

6. Date 1892  
7. Original Owner Capital Traction Co. (formerly Rock Creek Railway).  
8. Apparent Condition

a. Fair to good. c. Original site.  
b. Altered.

## Description

Located approximately 6 miles north of Md. boundary. Exterior of brick and wood. Pyramidal roof, single beveled gable dormer. One-story, small portico. Large Doric column with Ionic capital supporting corner of roof on right side of building. Semi-circular bay under conical roof. Tall brick chimney adorned with cast iron monogram (two "C's, back to back). For years the building served as "Grandma's Antique Shop." Re-arrangement of rooms which were large passenger waiting room, receiving room, superintendent's office, and trainmen's room.

## 10. Significance

This was the largest street car complex in Montgomery County. It consisted of a street car barn, repair shops, a power plant, a recreation lake formed by the power plant's dam, and motormen's homes. The street car passenger station/company office is the only structure left from the complex. Chevy Chase was the trolley terminus until the line extended to Kensington. Then the waiting station was more important as people changed cars at that point. The other passenger stations were wooden, temporary structures. None are extant. The waiting station at Chevy Chase was built in 1892 by Francis Newlands, the Senator from Nevada. The community of Chevy Chase was designed around the street car line and is regarded by planners as one of the first in the nation to utilize the street car as a transportation life-line to the village. Also part of the trolley complex at Chevy Chase was an amusement park with the artificial lake as a recreational center. Often the parks would be placed at the terminus of the trolleys for people to enjoy the country outings.

11. Date researched Oct. 25, 1976 Mayvis Fitzsimons

12. Compiler Mayvis Fitzsimons 13. Date Compiled April 3, 1978 14. Designation Approval  
15. Acreage: Less than 1 acre

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Trolley Station-Chevy Chase Lake

AND/OR COMMON

Grandma's Antiques

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Connecticut Ave. &amp; RR Tracks

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION****CHECK ONE****CHECK ONE**☒ EXCELLENT☐ DETERIORATED☒ UNALTERED☒ ORIGINAL SITE☒ GOOD☐ RUINS☒ ALTERED☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ FAIR☐ UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a low, one-story building, covered with stucco, that sits east on Conn. Ave. It has an open porch inset in the NE entrance corner. The north end consists of a polygonal bay window. Most windows are 2/2 sash. The entire building is overshadowed by an over-sized hip-roof, that has a small dormer on the east, and a chimney that exits south of it. The structure has a subdued, "Mediterranean" appearance about it, and probably had a tile roof when originally built. It may have been designed by Washington architect W.B. Wood, in the 1890's.

A related station, designed for the Capitol Traction Co. by Wood, appears in the AMERICAN ARCHITECT & BUILDING NEWS, Dec. 9, 1899.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

☒ PREHISTORIC  
☐ 1400-1499  
☐ 1500-1599  
☐ 1600-1699  
☒ 1700-1799  
☐ 1800-1899  
☒ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ ARCHITECTURE  
☐ ART  
☐ COMMERCE  
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING  
☐ CONSERVATION  
☐ ECONOMICS  
☐ EDUCATION  
☐ ENGINEERING  
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  
☐ INDUSTRY  
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
☐ LAW  
☐ LITERATURE  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSIC  
☐ PHILOSOPHY  
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION  
☐ SCIENCE  
☐ SCULPTURE  
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
☐ THEATER  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) AMERICAN ARCHITECT & BUILDING NEWS, (Dec. 9, 1899).
- 2) MARYLAND MAGAZINE, (Summer, 1970), article with photos by Edith Claude Jarvis.
- 3) 1974 Illustrated Calendar-Chevy Chase Savings & Loan.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

8/22/75

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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